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TODMAN/ARA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, GW, BR

SUBJ: FRG-BRASILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT: FRG TO PROCEED WITH LICENSE
ISSUANCE

REF: (A) STATE 076179, (B) BRASILIA 2717

1. THE FRG DECISION REPORTED IN REFTEL (A) WILL BE FULLY
EXPLOITED BY THE GOB. THIS WILL OCCUR NOT ONLY ON ITS OWN
MERITS AS PART OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, BUT ALSO AS AN OFFSET
TO THE IMPACT OF THE HIGHLY RETROGRADE INTERNAL POLITICAL
MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN OR TO BE TAKEN. THESE MEASURES, WHICH
HAVE THE NET EFFECTS OF PLACING IN THE HANDS OF GEISEL
AND THE MILITARY COMPLETE POWER UNRESTRAINED BY EVEN THE
WEAK COUNTERVAILING ELEMENTS THAT HAVE HERETOFORE EXISTED
IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND OF NEARLY DESTROYING
EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION, HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE CRITICIZED AND
ATTACKED BY HARDY, COURAGEOUS MODERATE AND LIBERAL ELEMENTS
OF BRAZILIAN SOCIETY. THUS THE GULF BETWEEN THE LEADERS
OF POWER AND THE SENTIENT BUT USUALLY LETHARGIC SECTORS
OF PUBLIC OPINION THREATENS TO WIDEN. IT IS THIS THREAT
THAT THE REGIME WILL TRY TO REDUCE BY EXPLOITATION OF
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SUCCESES ON THE FOREIGN FRONT.

2. THE FRG ACTION WILL BE UTILIZED INTERNALLY IN THE SAME
WAY THAT THE GOB HAS ATTEMPTED TO USE THE LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE MILD (BUT CORRECT) STATEMENT OF
THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON THE RECESS OF CONGRESS AND
IS NOW USING THE WIRE SERVICES REPORT OF THE DERIAN AND

TODMAN STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE,
THAT IS, ASSIGNS THAT THE USG IS CAVING ACROSS THE BOARD
TO GOB FIRMNESS AND AS A RESULT OF THE RECOGNITION OF
ITS "ERRORS".

3. I OBVIOUSLY DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN WASHINGTON.
I DO WANT, HOWEVER, TO REMIND THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS
THAT, AS WE HAVE TRIED TO POINT OUT IN OUR NEXT-STEPS
SUGGESTIONS THAT REPRESENT A BALANCED, RESPONSIBLE EFFORT TO
DEAL WITH THE GOB, WITHOUT SACRIFICE OF PRINCIPLE, THAT,
FROM THE STANDPOINT OF US INTERESTS, AT LEAST EQUALLY AS BAD
AS A GOB ALIENATED BY UNREMITTING PRESSURE IS A GOB
EMBOLDENED BY THE BELIEF THAT THE USG HAS BEEN BROUGHT
TO HEEL.
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